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1..ON MARCH 31, ALL KOREAN NEWSPAPERS CARRIED SMALL ITEMS
ON FRONT PAGES NOTING THAT NATIONAL ASSEMBLYMAN O CHONG-GUN
(YUJONG-HOE) (SHI SPELLING: JUNG-KEUN OH) HAD HELD A NEWS
CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE HIS SUIT AGAINST WASHINGTON STAR
NEWSPAPER AND REPORTER JERRY OPPENHEIMER FOR $5 MILLION DAMAGES
FOR LIBEL AND DEFAMATION OF CHARACTER. ACCORDING TO REP. O'S
STATEMENT, MARCH 20 STAR ARTICLE (SUMMARIZED REFTEL A, TEXT
REFTEL B.) ALLEGES THAT O VISITED U.S. IN JULY 1975, THAT HE
WAS INTRODUCED TO FORMER RPE. DOMINICK V. DANIELS BY
KOREAN BUSINESSMAN KIM SANG-JIN, AND THAT "CASH GIFTS WERE
DISPENSED DURING THE CAPITOR HILL VISIT." O'S STATEMENT DECLARES
REPORT "COMPLETELY FALSE AND BASELESS. I HAVE NEVER MET MR.
SANG-JIN KIM OR MR. KANIELS NOR WAS I IN THE UNITED STATES IN JULY
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OF 1975, OR AT ANY TIME THAT YEAR." REP. O HAS BOTH
INITIATED CRIMINAL SUIT FOR LIBEL WITH SEOUL DISTRICT

PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE AND FILED CIVIL SUIT WITH SEOUL
DISTRICT CIVIL COURT.

2. REP. O TOLD EMBOFF APRIL 1 THAT HE HAD FILED SUIT ONLY

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AFTER DUE DELIBERATION, IN CONSIDERATION OF FEELINGS OF HIS "MANY AMERICAN FRIENDS" TOWARD HIM, AS WELL AS TO PROTECT HIS OWN REPUTATION. O, WHO HOPES HIS SUIT WILL PREVENT "UNNECESSARY MISUNDERSTANDINGS BETWEEN THE AMERICAN AND KOREAN PEOPLE," PROTESTED STRONGLY TO EMBOFF AGAINST REPORTER'S FAILURE TO CHECK WITH HIM BEFORE PRINTING STORY. BY WAY OF BACKGROUND, O ADDED THAT HE HAS NOT VISITED WASHINGTON SINCE "1967 O 1968" AND HAS NOT BEEN IN U.S. SINCE TWO TWO-DAY STOPS IN LOS ANGELES AND SAN FRANCISCO IN 1974, ON WAY BACK FROM SOUTH AMERICA. O SAID HE HAD BEEN INTERVIEWED MARCH 31 BY LOCAL STRINGERS FOR ABC AND NEW YORK TIMES.

3. COMMENT: O, WHO MADE POINT OF HIS LONG ACQUAINTANCE AND FRIENDSHIP WITH AMERICANS (HE WON SILVER STAR IN KOREAN WAR), SEEMS PERFECTLY SERIOUS IN HIS INTENTION TO "TAKE THIS SUIT TO THE U.S., IF NECESSARY."
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